

A PROCLAMATION

2013 DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY AGENCY OF THE YEAR AWARD



Whereas, The Department of Business and Industry encompasses 13 diverse state agencies which impact nearly every employer and employee in the State of Nevada; and

Whereas, The Department of Business and Industry's objective is to encourage and to promote business growth and development and the legal operation of certain industries in order to create a level playing field for competition and to protect consumers; and

Whereas, The Nevada Attorney for Injured Workers, mandated to provide free legal services to injured workers seeking appeal of denied worker's compensation benefits by assuring a fair hearing at the appeals officer level as well as in the State District Courts and in Supreme Court, was established by the Nevada Legislature in 1977; and

Whereas, Under the leadership of Administrator Evan Beavers, the Nevada Attorney for Injured Workers has positively impacted the lives of thousands of Nevadans and their families seeking benefits after experiencing an on-the-job injury or illness; and

Whereas, Administrator Beavers and his small team of 14 staff attorneys, four legal research assistants and 10 legal secretaries managed approximately 1,300 cases in 2013; and

Whereas, The staff, committed to educating workers and the public, has received and answered nearly 4,000 telephone calls from the public seeking information about the workers' compensation system and the rights of the injured worker in 2013; and

Whereas, The agency has successfully resolved, either by litigation or settlement, approximately 57% of the claims it received by appointment from the Department of Administration, representing a significant "win" percentage given that the agency receives cases only after a workers' claim has been considered but left unresolved by the employer, the insurer, the claims adjuster and the hearing officer who initially considered the claim; and

Now, Therefore, I, Bruce Breslow, Director of the Department of Business and Industry, do hereby proclaim the

**NEVADA ATTORNEY FOR INJURED WORKERS AS THE
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A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bruce H. Breslow".

Bruce H. Breslow, Director

December 30, 2013

Date